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VERY LITTLE IS CULTIVATED

Asparagus and Grapes—What Might Be Done—Coffee Plantation.
Mr. Herbert's Advice.

Allan Herbert's Agricultural bulletin for this week contains the following points:

Makaha—Makaha, one of the most fertile valleys on the island of Oahu, is about six miles long and contains an area of 5,000 acres, more or less, from ridge to ridge. At the head, nature has carved out several waterfalls, little valleys and springs, surrounded by a luxuriant growth of native trees, ferns and flowers of unsurpassed beauty. The soil being rich, the climate moist and warm, and walled in on three sides as it is with high mountains, makes it an ideal spot for coffee, cocoa, bananas, plantains, mangoes, breadfruit, alligator pears, oranges, lemons, limes; in fact, citrus fruits of all kinds and the grape fruit is particularly among the citrus fruits there is none which appears to be in greater demand and which obtains such a high price as the grape fruit. You can bud it on sour orange or lemon stock. The fruit, under proper conditions, will keep for months and can be shipped to any part of the world. The fruit brings now from ten to twelve dollars per box in the New York, London and Paris markets, this on account of the killing of the grape fruit tree in Florida. Plant five acres of this fruit in any of our valleys with, say 1,000 to 1,200 trees, and you will have a fortune. Ask your doctor about the medicinal qualities and you will procure, and plant a few trees at once. No matter how small a piece of land you have, it will increase the value of your property.

At the lower or west end of Makaha valley are four or five hundred acres of almost flat land, well adapted to cane, cotton, tobacco, fiber plants, and a great variety of tropical and semi-tropical fruits and vegetables.

Between the new railroad track and the sea is a narrow strip of land, about sixty acres in extent of black, loose, alluvial soil, just such land as that used to raise the asparagus on Sherman Island, Alameda County, California. Plant these sixty acres in asparagus and, under new methods of irrigation, you can cut one ton per day for six months or more of the year. In these matters the writer speaks from experience.

You will say there is no water on these dry and dusty lands, but we know there is. Not one-fifth of the water that comes from the high mountains, reaches this land in the bed of the streams, but dig a hole 25 feet deep on almost any part of these 500 acres and you will have from ten to fifteen feet of water in it. At the head of the valley the water sinks gradually on its way to the sea just as it does in Manoa and Palolo valleys. A good windmill at a cost of \$25 will irrigate 40 to 50 acres of this fertile land. A small new coal oil engine with pump, at cost of \$500, delivered on the land, will irrigate 100 acres, and more by sub-irrigation, the natural way of applying water to land.

In one of the delightful little valleys at the head of Makaha, James Low and his enterprising associates, have 300 acres of choice fruit land of which 85 are under cultivation with coffee now 18 months old.

Coffee culture, on recognized principles, has been adopted with promising success by the Makaha Coffee Company. Trees 18 to 22 months old are now in bloom.

The Waianae Sugar Company have 100 acres, more or less, in coffee. The three and four years' old trees are marvelous. The Agent, Mr. Dowsett, tells that he sold five tons of choice coffee from these 100 acres of three year old trees, last year. If we can find coffee to equal this on our contemplated visit to Olua and Kona, Hawaii, we shall be more than satisfied, not to say, agreeably surprised.

Carl Widemann has a little thrifty coffee plantation in the Waianae mountains, of which he is manager. From the report of his place, we wish we had more young men in the coffee industry in order to create more taxable property, but as agriculture becomes a more scientifically intelligent, and a more successful calling the intelligence and the ability of the young men of these Islands will turn more and more to it. They will become fitted to fill the most useful and best paid posts, an education they cannot obtain by standing behind a counter or hanging over a desk; even if it is at a bank.

have the soil analyzed by a trained chemist. The selection of coffee seed is of great importance. Coffee seed should only be collected from those trees which have reached the age of from five to seven years. Even when we have a thorough, good tree, we must know how to gather the seed at the proper time and in a proper manner. In addition to this, all of the seed, even from the best of trees, is not equally good. The seed, for instance, which has been gathered from a tree which has flowered side by side with a bad or medium kind and at the same time, is worth nothing because it has been fertilized badly. Again, the seed should be perfectly ripe on the tree, and it must be kept properly after it has been gathered. The seeds which grow at the end of the coffee branch, as well as those produced by the upper and lower extremities of the branch, have the same defect. Those seed too, which are not sufficiently ripe, or which are too small are sure to produce bad trees.

By the above, we can easily see that it is utmost importance to procure good seed and good plants.

In all business success is the result of slight advantages. We see one urgent requirement and that is, a proper experiment station on each of the islands, these for the coffee industry. This could be a place where

NINE ARE JAILED

Bark's Master Appears With a Pistol.

TROUBLE ON THE IREDALE

Some Stabbing—A Black Disliked. Scant Supper After a Day of Toil—Mate Talks.

Nine men of the British bark Iredale are locked in the Station House. They are charged by Captain Plunkett with insubordination. Likely there will be some sort of a hearing today.

The trouble leading to the call for local officers of the law began at noon

water when working in the heat of the day was more than they could stand. They believed they had been robbed right along and blamed the black man for it. The latter, they said, claimed to be fighter, but would tackle only a small man, and then have weapons handy. Asked if any of them had ever sailed in the ship before, they said, no, that one voyage in her would be enough. They felt certain that the representative of the British Government would see their case as they put it. They were out 127 days. All had shipped at Liverpool.

Down at the vessel, which is a comfortable looking craft and with lines that would permit some basis to claims of speed, the reporter found a watchman, a cabin boy and the first mate. The latter was a young man who talked almost as willingly as the sailors did at the station house and who appeared to be a man to be believed. He said the cook was at the bottom of the trouble and had animus against the steward and some of the officers. The rows had occurred about as stated by the members of the crew, but through no fault of those in authority. Neither the captain nor steward knew that the fare for supper was so slim. The cook had exhausted allowances and had prepared the scant supper for the express purpose of precipitating a mob episode. The plan was to make a rumpus that would result in the release of the numerous company that preferred remaining in Honolulu to continuing with the vessel. The crew contains, according to the mate, a couple of past grand sea lawyers who have given trouble throughout the voyage. The officer contradicts or denies the tales of poor or insufficient supplies.

Judging by the attitude of the men and the officer who has spoken, the entire affair will be ventilated before a court here.

CHILDREN SUFFER.

Case of Appealing Cruelty Reported to Police.

Jim Carty, the liveryman, called in at the Deputy Marshal's office yesterday morning and laid complaint against a native and his wife living in the yard just back of his stables on Richards street.

It seems that it has been their habit for months past to get a lot of swipes, indulge in a good drunk and then vent their feelings on their children whom the beat unmercifully and then leave naked out in the yard.

The poor little things are unable to go away as they have no friends to whom they might appeal and even if they had, they are hardly old enough to act for themselves. Mr. Carty says that it is pitiful to hear the children cry out when they are beaten.

About the only thing that can be done under existing circumstances, is to have the father and mother reprimanded. The arrest of the father would mean nothing to eat for the family and the arrest of the mother would mean no care at all for the children during the times that she is not drunk.

Noa Must Hang.

A petition from Molokai in behalf of Noa, the murderer condemned to be hanged, was before the Cabinet yesterday morning. The request was simply that the sentence be commuted to imprisonment for life. No reasons were urged. The President and his advisors practically decided that so far as this petition was concerned there would be no interference with the judgment of the court.

Australia on Time.

There was a rumor about on the streets yesterday that news had been received here on the Belgic to the effect that the Australia would be a day late but inquiry at the office brought forth the information that no such message had been received and that the Australia would arrive on time.

Friends at San Francisco.

The Princess Kaiulani on arriving at San Francisco, was met at the station by Mr. C. R. Bishop, Mr. Schaefer and others, and taken to the Occidental hotel. Mr. Bishop had arranged with Major Hooper for her apartments, and she found them beautifully decorated with flowers.



PRINCESS KAIULANI,

Who returns to Hawaii today for a visit. She is the daughter of Likelike and neice of Liliuokalani. The Princess is escorted by her father, A. S. Cleghorn. She has been abroad eight years. Most of the time has been spent in England, on the Isle of Man and on the Continent. Her education was completed and her majority was reached a short time since. This likeness was made from a London photograph of a few months ago.

all matters of interest to coffee growers could be tested, and also where practical instruction in diversified agriculture, could be given. They could take in pupils.

The sum of \$12,000 was appropriated two or three years ago, for a Government experimental station but not a dollar has been available. Although the writer has urged upon the Minister of Finance the urgent necessity for such a station.

The sum of \$17,944 has been expended by the Bureau of Agriculture the past two years, and out of this, \$15,000 has been paid out for salaries.

CONSUL GENERAL.

New Representative of Great Britain Comes From Formosa.

Thos. Rain Walker has informed the Foreign Office that the British Government has named a new consul general for Hawaii to succeed the late Capt. A. G. S. Hawes. Mr. Walker has been acting temporarily.

W. T. Kenny is the new man and he will be a stranger here. He was appointed to the civil service in 1880 and since that time has served in Japan, his last post having been at Tainin, Formosa. Mr. Walker rather expects the new consul general on the 19th inst.

The appointment to Hawaii at least marks Mr. Kenny as a man of merit. He receives promotion. The present post does not begin to equal Hawaii either in importance or salary.

yesterday. One of the men said last night that he asked the steward for oatmeal to go in the drinking water. There arose a dispute over this and the caterer became very angry. The sailor says that in the melee he was stabbed once with a knife and once with a can opener, and had his thumb bitten. The scars were very much in evidence. Another sailor interfered and the row seemed to be over.

A fresh disturbance, followed by the arrests, opened at supper time. The men went to the galley for a hearty meal after working heavy cargo all day. They were offered tea and dry biscuits. There was no sign of meat, vegetables or fruit. They wildly refused the tiffin and loudly called for the steward, a big black fellow from West Indies. That functionary had the lack of caution to go forward. An assault quickly followed a few words. The darkey was struck a couple of times with a billet of wood. He roared for help and the captain came running with six-shooter. The rioting spirit was chilled and the blue-coats from the Police headquarters came hot foot.

Through the bars of their cell last night the men eagerly told their story to a reporter. Of grievances they had many. They said that a month ago they had complained about the food and that the master had made fair promises. They had heard orders issued to the steward, but observed that no attention was paid to them. Matters went from bad to worse. Tea and biscuit after a big day's work, preceded by the refusal of oatmeal for

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